

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed November 23, 2009 has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 17-20 are in the case. As indicated in the Advisory Action, the objection to claim 9, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have been overcome. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) remains.

By this paper, claim 9 has been canceled, claims 1, 4-7, and 20 have been amended, and claim 23 has been added. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 17-20, and 23 as presented hereby further clarify differences between Applicant's invention and the combination cited by the examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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